

Application No.: 10/693,542

Docket No.: 16422/005001

REMARKS

Please reconsider the application in view of the above amendments and the following remarks. Applicant thanks the Examiner for carefully considering this application and indicating that claims 8-9, 13-14, 16, 22 and 23 are allowable. Applicant also thanks the Examiner for courtesies extended during a telephone interview of August 3, 2006.

1. Disposition of Claims

Claims 8-10, 12-14, 16, 22 and 23 were pending in this case. Claim 12 has been cancelled by this reply. Therefore, claims 8-10, 13-14, 16, 22, and 23 are pending after the amendment.

2. Claim Amendment

Claim 10 has been amended to include the limitation from claim 12 and to clarify the invention recited. No new matter is introduced by this amendment.

3. Rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C § 102

Claims 10 and 12 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102 as anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 4,054,490 (Vesterberg). Claim 12 has been cancelled. Furthermore, claim 10 has been amended in accordance with suggestions of the Examiner during the telephone interview of August 3, 2006. Therefore, withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

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Specifically, the spacers in Vesterberg are not used to make a hollow in a layer of a gelatinous material, wherein the hollow is configured to hold a solution in use. In addition, Vesterberg fails to disclose removal of the separating walls.

4. Allowable Subject Matter

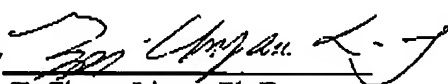
Claims 8-9, 13-14, 16, 22 and 23 have been indicated to be allowable.

Conclusion

Applicant believes this reply is fully responsive to all outstanding issues and places this application in condition for allowance. If this belief is incorrect, or other issues arise, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned or his associates at the telephone number listed below. Please apply any charges not covered, or any credits, to Deposit Account 50-0591 (Reference Number 16422/005001).

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